

U.S. Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis & Governor Mark Gordon  
Present

**2023 Federal Funding Summit & Grant Seminar**  
*Identifying & Securing Federal Funding Opportunities*

Sheridan College Whitney Center for the Arts  
1 Whitney Way, Sheridan, WY  
Monday-Thursday; June 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*Registration now open at [lummis.senate.gov/federal-funding-summit-rsvp](https://lummis.senate.gov/federal-funding-summit-rsvp)

AGENDA

**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Federal Grant Writing & Management Seminar facilitated by MC2 Collaborative**  
**David Piantanida, Media Officer/Congressional Liaison, U.S. EPA Region 8 Public Affairs**  
*(Certificate eligible with full course attendance)*

OVERVIEW

*Initiating the grant seeking process and identifying funders can be overwhelming. The MC2 Collaborative grant training program is designed to help individuals and organizations navigate complex grant-seeking processes and identify potential funders. Through collaborative discussion and group think-tank exercises, participants will learn to think like a grant strategist rather than a grant writer.*

*This practical, hands-on training will improve any level of understanding of the grant and federal funding process, drive development of grant proposals, and refine project goals with reverse-document-engineering. MC2's team of trainers will help participants identify and resolve project gaps by putting new and existing knowledge into practice.*

**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am: Summit Kickoff & "Setting the Stage"

*Kathy Lenz, Resource & Economic Development Manager for U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis*

8:20-8:30 am: Welcome from Renny MacKay, Senior Policy Director for Governor Mark Gordon

8:30-8:45 am: Federal Grant Writing and Management Seminar Overview  
*Introductions and Overview from MC2 Collaborative*

8:45-9:15 am: Federal Funders & How to Find Them  
*MC2 Collaborative*

9:15-9:45am: Anatomy of a Proposal & Why it Matters

*MC2 Collaborative*

9:45-10:00 am: Break

10:00-10:30 am: RFP Basics – Global Perspective with Inclusive Thinking

*MC2 Collaborative*

10:30-11:00 am: The Statement of Need and the Significance of the Problem

*MC2 Collaborative*

11:00-11:30 am: Research: Content Building Narratives

*MC2 Collaborative*

11:30-12:00 pm: Group Exercise and Project Co-Horts

*MC2 Collaborative*

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch (provided onsite with registration)

1:15-1:45 pm: Logic Models and Consistent Methodologies

*MC2 Collaborative*

1:45-2:15 pm: Measured Outcomes: Metrics that Matter

*MC2 Collaborative*

2:15-2:30 pm: Break

2:30-3:00 pm: SMART Goals: Data Collection Plan

*MC2 Collaborative*

3:00-3:30 pm: Monitor, Evaluate and Report: Impacts

*MC2 Collaborative*

3:30-4:30 pm: MC2 Staff Office Hours

*Bring your projects, bring your questions and talk individually with the MC2 team!*

4:30 pm: Summit concludes for the day

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Day 2 of Federal Grant Writing & Management Seminar with MC2 Collaborative*

8:30 – 9:15 am: Research: Effective and Efficient Content

*MC2 Collaborative*

9:15-10:15 am: Cohesive Grant and Organizational Capacity  
*MC2 Collaborative*

10:15-10:45 am: Demonstrations of Capacity: Reverse Engineering  
*MC2 Collaborative*

10:45-11:00 am: Break

11:00-12:00 pm: Gap-Documents: Tools, Techniques and Technical Assistance  
*MC2 Collaborative*

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch (provided onsite with registration)

1:15-1:45 pm: DEI&A: Proving Inclusive Thinking - Coordinate & Collaborate  
*MC2 Collaborative*

1:45-2:30 pm: Evaluation and Scoring: "The ONE POINT difference"  
*MC2 Collaborative*

2:30-3:15 pm: Group Exercise and Project Co-Horts  
*MC2 Collaborative*

3:00-3:30 pm: Wrap-Up, Closing and Certificates of Completion  
*MC2 Collaborative*

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**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-8:45 am: Welcome & "Setting the Stage" for Second Half of Seminar  
*Dr. Walt Tribble, President of Sheridan College*  
*Kathy Lenz, Resource & Economic Development Manager for U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis*

8:45-9:00 am: Remarks from U.S. Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis & Governor Mark Gordon  
*Video remarks*

9:00-12:00 pm: Infrastructure, Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Funding & Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)  
Opportunities Overview  
*Beth Blackwell, Grants & Loans Manager, Office of State Lands & Investments*  
*Keenan Hendon, Water and Wastewater Section Manager, Wyoming DEQ*  
*Stan Miller, SRF Principal Engineer*  
*Shawn King, SRF Program Manager*

*Dale Lee, Northeast Assistant District Engineer*

*The Infrastructure, Investment & Jobs Act was signed into law in November 2021 and included \$550 billion for new infrastructure projects, including roads and bridges, rail, transit, airports, electric grid, water systems and broadband. In Wyoming, the IIJA funding is distributed by the State Lands & Investment Board through the State Revolving Funds. Learn from State Lands & Investment Board and Federal Agency leadership about current funding opportunities and how to pursue them.\**

12:00 pm: Lunch (provided onsite with registration)

1:00pm-4pm: WY Interagency Working Group (IWG) Federal Panel on IRA and IIJA Funding

*Participants from U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); Mark Feilmeier, State Director, Trent Lofts, Program Analyst, Wyoming Field Office for U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Glenn Pauley, State Director, Adam Anderson, Community Programs Loan Specialist, Miles Benzel Business Programs Loan Specialist, Kim Johnson, Single Family Housing Loan Technician, Jessica Taylor, Single-Family Housing Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA Rural Development); Kelly Watkins, Chief of Staff, Region 8, Jon Grosshans, Senior Advisor, Carolyn Bryan, Regional Planner, Region 8, Ben Bents, Manager, Water Division, Region 8, Barbara Benoy, Brownfields Project Manager, Region 8 for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Katie Baum, Hazard Mitigation Specialist, BRIC Technical Assistance Team Lead, Region 8, Kyle McCormick, Hazard Mitigation Specialist, BRIC Technical Assistance, Region 8 for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Aaron Pratt, economic Development Representative for U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA); Kate Gordon, Senior Advisor to Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm for U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)*

*Moderator: Dru Palmer, DRU Consulting*

- 1:00-1:15 pm: Overview of IWG with Dru Palmer, WY Governor's Office and Mark Smith, EPA's Deputy Regional Administrator Region 8 Office (Denver)
- 1:20-2:05 pm: Energy opportunities, speakers TBA
- 2:05-2:15 pm: Break
- 2:15-3:00 pm: Infrastructure opportunities, speakers TBA
- 3:00-3:10 pm: Break
- 3:10-3:55 pm: Workforce opportunities, speakers TBA

4:00 pm: Summit concludes for the day

#### **Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am: Report from Washington

*Brief updates from the office of U.S. Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis*

8:30-10:45 am: Technical Assistance, Partnership, and Problem-Solving with DOT, HUD, USDA RD, EPA Water & EPA Brownfields & FEMA

*Learn about specific technical assistance available to meet your needs. Partners providing services in WY can provide more than funding.*

- 8:30-9:30 am: Federal partners
- 8:30-8:50 am: Energy
- 8:50-9:10 am: Infrastructure
- 9:10-9:30 am: Workforce
- 9:30-9:45 am: Break
- 9:45-10:45 am: State Partners Discussion with Amber Power, Community Leadership and Engagement, Brandi Harlow, Northeast Regional Director for Wyoming Business Council (WBC);

Beth Blackwell, Grants and Loans Manager for the Office of State Lands and Investments (SLIB); Janet Jares, Grants Specialist, Outdoor Recreation Office and Division of Wyoming State Parks and Trails; Christina Nelson, Neighborhood Project Specialist 1, Kaycee Hurless, Neighborhood Development Officer for Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA); John Davis, Management Services Manager, Ali Ragan, Grants and Contracts Policy Manager, Kacey Brown, Management Services Senior Policy Analyst for Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT); University of Wyoming

10:45-11:00 am: Break

11:00-12:30 pm: Importance of Planning, Procedures, Policy and Grant “Do’s & Don’ts”

*Panel discussion with Wyoming planners and grant writing experts Dr. Susan Bigelow, President, Bigelow Grant Writing Services, LLC, Mary Crosby, Grant Proposal Writer, Lincoln County, Kristin Young, Grants Management Specialist, Campbell County, Angela Parker, AICP, Wyoming Planning Association (WYOPASS), President, Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director, City of Douglas. Moderated by Lisa Mueller, MC2 Collaborative.*

*Learn the importance of developing a solid plan for projects before applying for grants. Longtime Wyoming grant application specialists explain how to craft a winning grant application and develop policies and processes to manage grants after the award.*

12:30 PM-3:00 pm: Lunch & Open House with Federal Agencies - Bring your questions, projects and ideas!

*Onsite lunch included with registration.*

*Representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA Rural Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water, EPA’s Brownfields Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) as well as state partners will be available to discuss individual projects and answer questions.*

Each agency will have a table and summit participants can pick any agency to meet with for 15 minutes. Please limit to three agencies, if possible, to ensure all participants have the opportunity to visit with their agency of choice.

12:30-1:00 pm: Lunch

- 1:00-3:00 pm: Open House/Round Robin with Agencies
  - 1:00-1:15 pm: Round 1
  - 1:20-1:35 pm: Round 2
  - 1:40-1:55 pm: Round 3
  - 2:00-2:15 pm: Round 4
  - 2:20-2:35 pm: Round 5
  - 2:40-2:55 pm: Round 6

3:00 pm: Summit concludes

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\* While Senator Barrasso and Senator Lummis did not support final passage of the *Infrastructure, Investment & Jobs Act* or the *Inflation Reduction Act*, both Senators are committed to ensuring Wyoming communities and citizens have fair access to the programs their tax dollars are helping to fund.

**Thank you to our partners and sponsors:**

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